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FDD Abstract

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CONSTRUCTION OF A RAIL LINK NEAR WUSTERMARK (20 pp, 1 sketch; German; August 1951)

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Comment: The order for the construction of the rail link was given by the SCC.

The document consists of photostat copies of typewritten information regarding the construction of a connecting rail curve at Wustermark. The information was compiled by the Central Designing Office of the German Reichsbahn and forwarded to the Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin on 31 August 1951. The document reveals the following particulars about the project:

The purpose of the project is to provide a rail link which will make it possible to direct trains from the German Democratic Republic going in westerly direction to the northern outer beltline around Berlin, thereby bypassing Berlin, and vice versa. The curve will connect the Berlin-Stendal railroad line with the Wildpark-Nauen line. It will branch off the Wustermark-Nauen sector at km 82.4, it will run parallel to it in southerly direction for about 500 meters, will then turn westward with a radius of 500 meters, will reach the Berlin-Stendal line approximately at km 31.47 and will join it at km 32.

The cost of the project will be 600,000 Deutsche marks. The project has a high priority and is to be completed by 31 December 1951. It will require 1.8 kilometers of track, type S 49 or 8d or 15e, which will have to be dismantled from a still unspecified less important line. There follow detailed cost estimates.

A sketch of the projected curve, scale 1:1,000, dated 17 August 1951, and a profile diagram are appended.

Foreign language document or a microfilm of it (C 4747) may be obtained from CIA Library.

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On the basis of the request [REDACTED] a source was queried as to the existence or planned creation of an East German - Polish command staff. His answer, translated, is as follows: 25X1

"During my membership in the HVA, nothing was known to me up to the middle of October 1951 concerning the selection, or planned selection, of Polish-speaking officers from the HVA."

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